

## **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Committee**

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022 via ZOOM**

### **I. Roll Call-**

- a. Committee Members Present: Michael J. McGinley, MACO; Chairman; Chanda Hermanson, DPHHS; and Katie Madsen on behalf of Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction
- b. Absent: Jason Palin
- c. Guest attendants: Connie Kinsey, Administrative Specialist for Workforce Services Division and Jasyn Harrington, Career Training Institute

### **II. WIOA Reauthorization Act 2022**

- a. Mike reported on the NACO Workforce Meeting in July and the presentation on the 2022 re-authorization – passed by the House- Waiting on Senate
- b. 4 Key Takeaways
  - i. Greater emphasis on job quality starts with healthy businesses
  - ii. New and Expanded programs require more employer engagement
  - iii. Broader Planning required to anticipate economic shifts – NACO talks about local plans vs State plans
  - iv. Stronger focus on investment in Business engagement

### **III. Montana's WIOA State Plan**

- a. On website revised- review plan

### **IV. Review State Workforce Innovation Board Goals:**

- a. SWIB Board Goals- we looked at (B) PAGE 16 “Meeting the Skilled Workforce Need of Employers.”

### **V. Committee Goal Setting**

- a. Goals: Develop analysis or survey for Business Partners
  - i. Analysis of how we are doing- ask businesses
  - ii. Go past reporting - requires dotting I's and crossing T's
- b. Collect and Share – Connection with Adult Education for existing and development of Integrated Education and Training Opportunities
  - i. Employer engagement and collaboration
    - 1. Flathead Valley – Construction
    - 2. Great Falls – CNA, CDL
    - 3. Missoula – CNA, Hospitality, Entrepreneurship
    - 4. Billings – Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Phlebotomy
    - 5. Montana Department of Corrections – Automotive pre-apprenticeship

- c. Realize the service to employers
  - i. Helping with HR- not just placement
  - ii. Workshops: tax credit & benefits
  - iii. Don't promise employers more than we can deliver- workforce shortage
- VI. **Next Committee Meeting Date:** in September- after Ex- Board Meeting
- VII. **Adjourn-** promptly at 4:15 p.m.

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